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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 22, 2003, Applicant elects invention II, claims 6-14 for prosecution in this application, and further elects species A, Figures 1 and 2, without traverse. In addition, Applicants submit that claim 23 should be grouped with claims 6-14 as it is dependent upon claim 6 and falls within Invention II.

Currently, none of claims 6-14 specifically relate to any of the species delineated by the Examiner (the species requirement would only come into effect if invention I, claims 1-5 were elected or claims of similar scope, dependent upon claim 6-14 were added), however, if specific claims are added relating to the species defined by the Examiner, only claims directed to species A will be added.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file claims relating to the non-elected inventions and species in divisional applications.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith to extend the date for response up to and including February 22, 2004.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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